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LOK SABHA

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DAMAGE TO CROPS DUE TO DROUGHT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agriculture and horticulture crops have been severely affected due to prevailing drought conditions in the entire Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, whether water sources have dried up and water level has also declined; and

(c) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): A Central Team has recently visited the State to, inter-alia, assess the damage due to drought and its Report is under consideration.

(c): In addition to release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2002-03amounting to Rs.129.99 crore, assistance of Rs.20.00 crore from National Calamity ContingencyFund (NCCF) has so far been released to the State for current drought.1.16 lakh MTs. of foodgrains have also been allocated to the State under the special component of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) scheme for relief employment.